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In re Applicant:

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For Processor-Based Systems

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**REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed June 17, 2002, reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 6-10 were rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Kimura.

However, Kimura does not show a keyboard that provides different functionalities depending on the orientation of said housing with said keyboard. While it is true that Figure 21 shows that the keyboard can be oriented in different angles, this is merely to demonstrate that, regardless of the orientation of the keyboard with respect to the system unit 10, the system unit will be effective in picking up the signal. For example, in column 14, lines 60-65, it is explained that sometimes, depending on the direction that the keyboard faces, the system unit 10 may not receive the transmission of signals because, for example, an obstacle, such as a book, is in between the two. As a result, a plurality of IR terminals 106 are provided on the keyboard to change the signal transmission reception direction. See column 14, line 65, through column 15, line 1. Thus, it is evident that what Kimura is about is simply allowing the keyboard to provide

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